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NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS...

Mr. Edgar A. Hoover, Identification Bureau,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I am sending to you herewith papers and notices of reward for the
slayers of Sheriff Kelly of this county with the thought that your office might
be able to connect them with some federal depredations.

Respectfully,

A. T. Wallenbeck

Postmaster.

United States Post Office

West Plains, Mo.

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MURDER OF C. R. KELLY SHERIFF OF HOWELL COUNTY MISSOURI
BY ~~ELMER~~-INMAN GANG

✓ ALVIN KARPIS ALIAS GEORGE DUNN ALIAS R. E. HAMILTON ALIAS RAY KARPIS
✓ ALIAS RAYMOND HADLEY ALIAS GEORGE HALLER

✓ FRED BARBER ALIAS F. G. WARD ALIAS TED MURPHY ALIAS J. DARROWS

✓ A. W. Dunlop Old Lady Arrie Barker

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\$1,200.00

Twelve Hundred Dollars.

WANTED

*For the Murder of C. R. Kelly, Sheriff of Howell County, Missouri,
on December 19, 1931*

Gangsters of
Kimes-Inman
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ALVIN KARPIS

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An additional Reward of \$100.00 each will be paid for the arrest and surrender to Howell County officers of A. W. Dunlop and Old Lady Arrie Barker, Mother of Fred Barker. Dunlop is about 65 years of age; slender, white hair, full blood Irishman. Mrs. Barker is about 60 years of age. All may be found together on farm. We hold Felony Warrants for each of these parties.

Police and other authorities: Keep this Poster before you at all times as we want these Fugitives. If further information is desired Wire Collect Chief of Police or Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri.

James A. Bridges

Chief of Police

Mrs. C. R. Kelly

Sheriff

West Plains, Missouri

JOURNAL PRINT, West Plains, Mo.

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
November 25, 1932.

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Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

J. F. Reinmiller, Special Agent of the Frisco Railroad Company, located at Memphis, Tennessee, is cooperating with the authorities at West Plains, Missouri, in an effort to locate the murderer of the sheriff at that point.

11/30
He has been advised that the United States Bureau of Investigation has issued a circular containing the photographs and descriptive data of five subjects, two of whom are Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, the remaining three being unknown to him.

He is very anxious to secure several copies of this circular. If the Bureau has issued such circular I would appreciate it if you would kindly forward to me about six copies.

Very truly yours,

T. D. Quinn
T. D. QUINN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Bureau of Investigation,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
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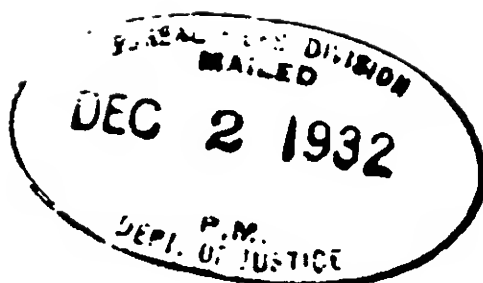
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 25, 1932, wherein you inform of the desire of Mr. F. F. Reimiller, Special Agent of the Frisco Railroad Company, at Memphis, Tennessee, to secure copies of the circulars issued relative to Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, who are wanted for the murder of the Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri, I beg to inform you that this Bureau has not issued circulars of the character you describe. The files, however, contain such circulars which were received from the Police Department at West Plains, Missouri. Possibly it is these circulars which Mr. Reimiller has in mind.

The data with reference to the above individuals will be included in the January Fugitive Bulletin issued by this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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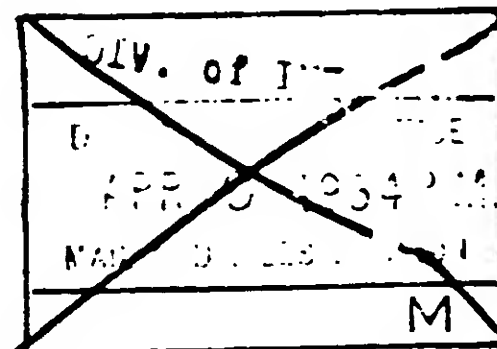
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Alvah Todd, F.P.E.
Box 1722
Casper Wyoming.

Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir-
Has Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis been over looked as the
murders of Sheriff Kelly, West Plains Mo.

Alvah Todd
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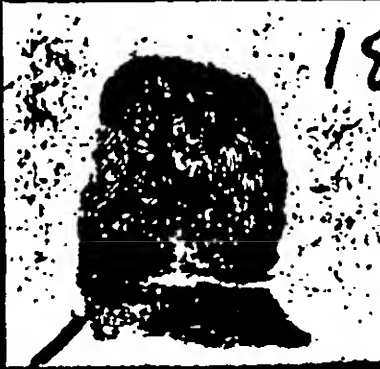
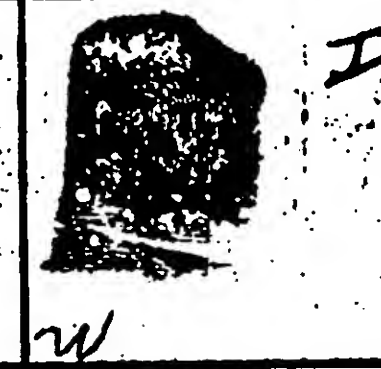

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TEAR OFF ON THIS LINE

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WEST PLAINS, MO.

July 1932

1.—Right Thumb  0	2.—R. Index Finger  I	3.—R. Middle Finger  18	4.—R. Ring Finger  0	5.—R. Little Finger  20
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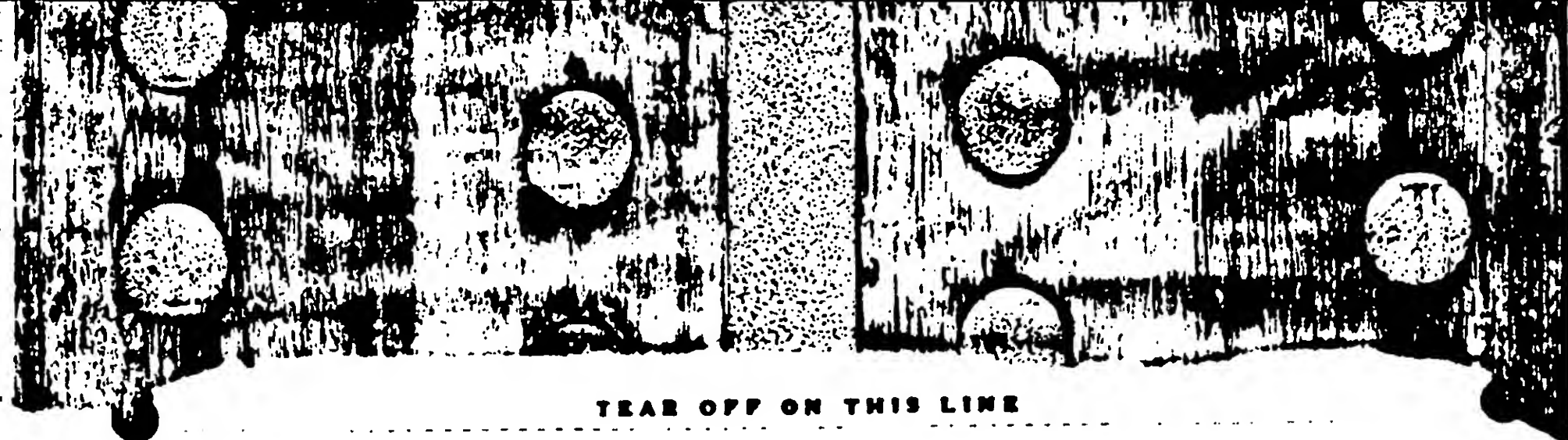
\$1,200.00 REWARD (Total)

Fred Barker (Alias F. G. Ward, alias Ted Murphy, alias J. Darrows), and Alvin Karpis killed Sheriff Kelly of Howell County, Mo., Dec. 19, 1931.

Barker's description: Age, 29; weight, 120 lbs.; height, 5 feet 4 inches; build, slim; complexion, fair; hair, sandy; eyes, blue; teeth, two upper and two lower front crowned. Has shot scar outer left knee.

Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born, Missouri.

Notify collect. Will extradite from anywhere. Felony warrants. J. A. Bridges, Chief of Police or Mrs. C. R. Kelly, Sheriff, West Plains, Mo.



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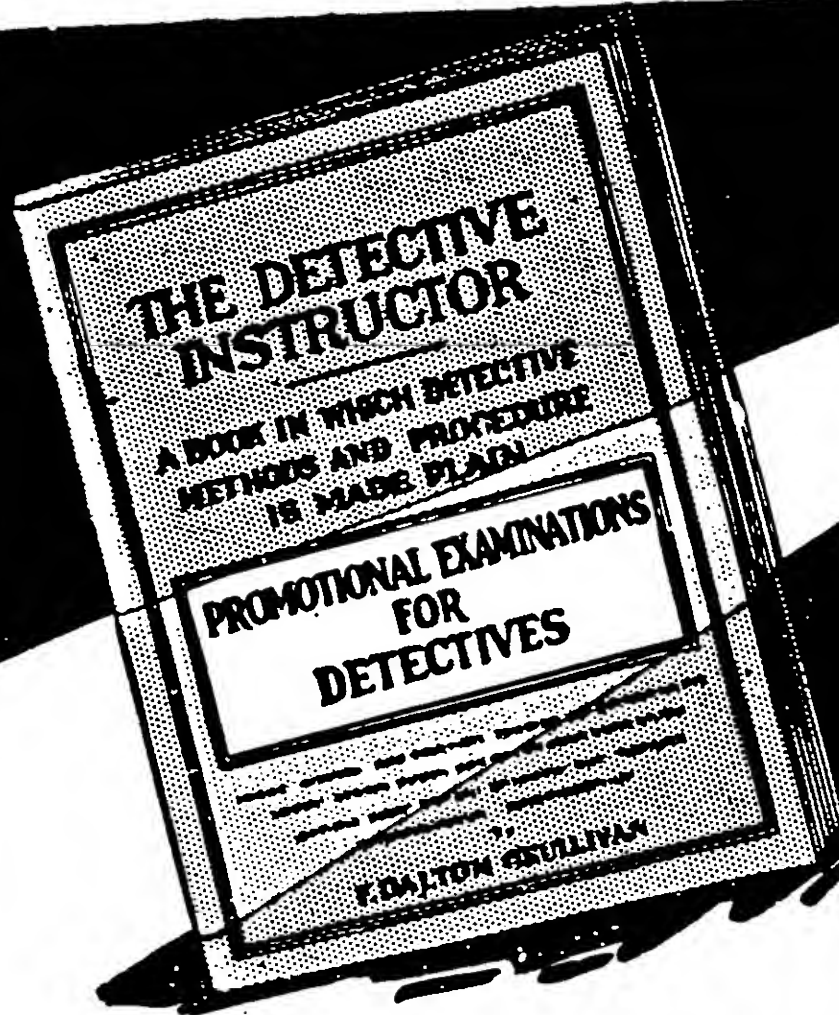
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1.—Right Thumb 14	2.—R. Index Finger 8	3.—R. Middle Finger 8	4.—R. Ring Finger 9	5.—R. Little Finger 5
6.—Left Thumb 11	7.—L. Index Finger 7	8.—L. Middle Finger 9	9.—L. Ring Finger X	10.—L. Little Finger 8



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\$1,200.00 REWARD (Total)

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Karpis' description: Age, 22; height, 5 feet 9¼ inches; weight, 130 lbs.; build, slim; complexion, fair; eyes, blue; nationality, American; hair med. brown. Scar at base left index finger.
Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Born, Kansas. Felony warrants.
Notify collect. Will extradite from anywhere. J. A. Bridges, Chief of Police or Mrs. C. R. Kelly, Sheriff, West Plains, Missouri.



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Named Kidnapers



These photos show Arthur R. Baker, 34, top, and Alvin Karpis, 25, below, Oklahoma state penitentiary convicts now free on parole, who have been named by the department of justice at Washington as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Department of justice agents have launched a wide-spread search for the pair.

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April 11, 1934.

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Mr. Alvah Todd,
Box #1722,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 3, 1934, addressed to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., requesting to be advised whether Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis have been overlooked as the murderers of Sheriff Kelly, West Plains, Missouri.

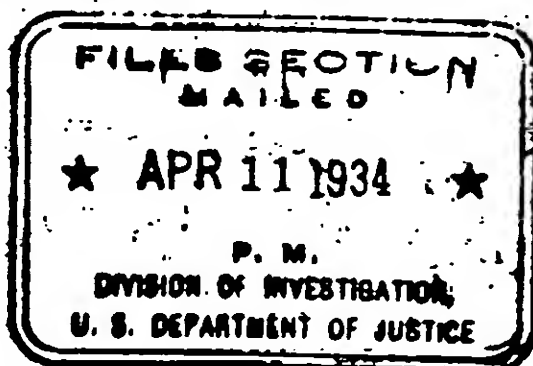
Please be advised that notations appear on the fingerprint cards of both of these individuals showing them to be wanted by the Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri, for the murder of C. R. Kelly, Sheriff of Howell County, Missouri, on December 19, 1931. This notation was placed on the fingerprint records in the Identification Unit of this Division on January 2, 1932, pursuant to information received from the authorities at West Plains, Missouri, and, in the event information is received concerning the whereabouts of these individuals, the authorities there will be promptly notified.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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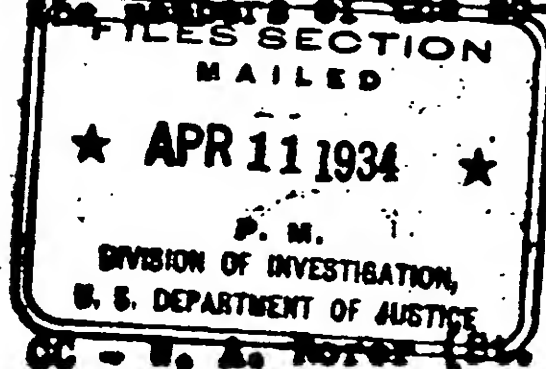
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
303-a United States Court House and
Post Office Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER
with aliases, I. O. #1219, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a letter dated April 3, 1934, from Alvah Todd, Fingerprint Expert, Box 1722, Casper, Wyoming, wherein he makes inquiry as to whether Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis have been overlooked as the murderers of Sheriff Kelly, West Plains, Missouri.

It is not clear from Mr. Todd's letter why he has made such an inquiry but it is noted that Harry Campbell, an associate of these two individuals, has in the past resided in the vicinity of Casper, Wyoming. Therefore, you are instructed to have an agent interview Mr. Todd for the purpose of obtaining from him any information in his possession concerning the whereabouts of any of the members of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang.



Very truly yours,

Director